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SMC 8/3/00 Please replace lines <sup>4</sup> 2-5 on Specification page 3, with the following replacement paragraph:

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The physical disks are often connected to a switching network. This switching network may take the form of Fibre Channel switches connected to fibre channel loops, with each loop having a number of disks connected thereto. By utilizing a number of interconnected switches, a switching fabric can be created. This fabric allows any individual filer to have access to, subject to ownership limitations, any disk connected to the switching fabric; however, only the filer that "owns" a disk can write to that disk. One methodology of ownership of disks within a network storage environment, such as a switching fabric, is described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027/020 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) [[ [Atty Docket No. 112056-0006] ]] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE by Joydeep sen Sarma et al, which is hereby incorporated by reference. Another methodology is described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027,457 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) [[ [Atty. Docket No. 112056-0007] ]] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

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